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## **New Mexico to Receive \$21,999,459 from Interior Under Federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes Program**

Secretary of the Interior Gale A. Norton today announced that New Mexico will receive \$21,999,459 under the Payment In Lieu of Taxes Act to compensate county governments whose jurisdictions contain tax-exempt Federal lands.

“These important dollars help States offset the loss of tax revenues to counties that contain Federal lands,” Norton said. “This money helps pay for essential services such as firefighting, search-and-rescue operations, and a host of other badly needed on-the-ground services.”

The money distributed to New Mexico will go to 32 counties eligible under the PILT program for tax revenue lost because of the Federal lands in their jurisdiction. The \$21,999,459 that New Mexico receives this year represents a \$601,516 increase over Fiscal Year 2003. The counties receiving the largest payments are Eddy County (\$1,841,789), Otero County (\$1,839,054) and Chavez County (\$1,662,426).

The BLM manages 13.4 million acres of public land in New Mexico and 47 million acres of federally owned mineral estate. The agency manages public lands and resources to sustain their health, diversity and productivity for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations.

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EDITOR’S NOTE: See attached breakdown by county of PILT payments.



## New Mexico County PILT Payments

Bernalillo County	\$ 126,871
Catron County	\$ 329,469
Chaves County	\$1,662,426
Cibola County	\$1,078,765
Colfax County	\$ 96,082
De Baca County	\$ 57,418
Dona Ana County	\$1,655,605
Eddy County	\$1,841,789
Grant County	\$1,379,432
Guadalupe County	\$ 83,804
Harding County	\$ 66,882
Hidalgo County	\$ 442,290
Lea County	\$ 583,227
Lincoln County	\$ 984,346
Los Alamos County	\$ 47,611
Luna County	\$1,027,630
McKinley County	\$ 567,821
Mora County	\$ 148,310
Otero County	\$1,839,054
Quay County	\$ 2,495
Rio Arriba County	\$1,537,626
Roosevelt County	\$ 14,813
San Juan County	\$1,194,683
San Miguel County	\$ 506,746
Sandoval County	\$1,327,444
Santa Fe County	\$ 414,771
Sierra County	\$ 744,078
Socorro County	\$ 908,635
Taos County	\$ 991,008
Torrance County	\$ 211,908
Union County	\$ 79,580
Valencia County	\$ 46,840





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